

Attorney General - Department of Law

	FY 2020 ACTUAL	FY 2021 ESTIMATE	FY 2022 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	607.7	607.7	624.7 ^{1/}
Personal Services	29,996,100	32,106,600	30,593,800
Employee Related Expenditures	11,395,500	13,016,300	12,852,700
Professional and Outside Services	360,800	473,800	473,800
Travel - In State	167,200	190,300	190,300
Travel - Out of State	92,500	112,100	112,100
Other Operating Expenditures	8,252,400	9,712,800	12,033,300
Equipment	621,300	336,200	336,200
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	50,885,800	55,948,100	56,592,200 ^{2/3/4/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Attorney Stipend/Retention Bonus	0	0	2,000,000
Capital Postconviction Prosecution	757,600	824,800	802,200
Child and Family Advocacy Centers	500,000	100,000	600,000 ^{5/}
Criminal Division Major Fraud Unit	0	0	1,139,000
Internet Crimes Against Children Enforcement	2,600	1,250,000	1,250,000 ^{6/}
Expert Witness and Outside Counsel	0	0	1,200,000
Federalism Unit	884,700	1,048,900	1,236,000
First Responder Personnel Mental Health Services	256,300	0	0
Government Accountability and Special Litigation	1,049,000	1,252,000	1,235,200
Human Trafficking Survivor Services	225,000	0	0
Military Airport Planning	79,300	88,100	85,200 ^{7/}
Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples	0	0	40,000
Multidisciplinary Young Persons Program	250,000	0	0
Organized Retail Theft Task Force	0	0	1,500,000 ^{8/9/}
Peace Officer Memorial Fund Deposit	1,000,000	0	0
Risk Management Interagency Service Agreement	8,998,800	9,927,300	9,617,300
State Grand Jury	173,600	185,200	180,500
Southern Arizona Law Enforcement	1,423,700	1,571,300	1,527,500
Technology Company Antitrust	0	0	1,000,000 ^{10/}
Tobacco Enforcement	190,900	834,200	829,800
Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force	0	0	500,000 ^{11/}
Victims' Rights	2,495,000	3,783,300	3,768,800
Voter Fraud Unit	246,700	530,000	525,400
AGENCY TOTAL	69,419,000	77,343,200	85,629,100 ^{12/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	24,844,800	25,411,000	25,239,800
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Antitrust Enforcement Revolving Fund	109,400	152,500	1,148,700
Attorney General Legal Services Cost Allocation Fund	1,544,000	2,166,600	2,110,300
Collection Enforcement Revolving Fund	6,454,500	7,132,700	6,925,700
Consumer Protection - Consumer Fraud Revolving Fund	10,178,800	10,889,300	18,943,600
Interagency Service Agreements Fund	14,793,700	16,980,500	16,474,900 ^{13/}
Internet Crimes Against Children Enforcement Fund	0	900,000	900,000
Risk Management Revolving Fund	8,998,800	9,927,300	10,117,300
Victims' Rights Fund	2,495,000	3,783,300	3,768,800
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	44,574,200	51,932,200	60,389,300
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	69,419,000	77,343,200	85,629,100

	FY 2020 ACTUAL	FY 2021 ESTIMATE	FY 2022 APPROVED
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	52,891,400	60,505,700	60,505,700
Federal Funds	8,561,500	8,376,700	8,376,700
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	130,871,900	146,225,600	154,511,500

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Attorney General is an elected constitutional officer. The office provides legal counsel to state agencies, represents the state in juvenile dependency matters, enforces civil rights, environmental, consumer protection and anti-trust laws, and investigates and prosecutes criminal cases, handles criminal appeals, and assists county attorneys.

FOOTNOTES

- 1/ Includes 22.2 GF and 146 OF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2022.
- 2/ The sum of \$950,000 in FY 2021, the sum of \$2,350,000 in FY 2022 and the sum of \$2,350,000 in FY 2023 are appropriated from the Consumer Protection-Consumer Fraud Revolving Fund established by section 4-1531.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, to the Attorney General for operating expenses of the Criminal Division. (FY 2020 General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 3/ Within ten days after receiving a complaint alleging a violation of section 15-511, Arizona Revised Statutes, the attorney general shall forward a copy of the complaint to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 4/ Through June 30, 2023, the attorney general may not represent or provide legal advice to the secretary of state or the department of state on any matter. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 5/ The amount appropriated for the child and family advocacy centers line item is allocated to the child and family advocacy center fund established by section 41-191.11, Arizona Revised Statutes. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 6/ The \$900,000 appropriation from the internet crimes against children enforcement fund established by section 41-199, Arizona Revised Statutes, and the \$350,000 appropriation from the state general fund for the internet crimes against children enforcement line item are continuing appropriations and are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, through June 30, 2023. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 7/ A.R.S. § 26-263 annually appropriates \$85,000 from the General Fund for Military Airport Planning. Because this appropriation is in permanent statute, it is not included in the General Appropriation Act.
- 8/ The attorney general shall establish an organized retail theft task force to combat crimes that relate to stealing, embezzling or obtaining retail merchandise by fraud, false pretenses or other illegal means for the purpose of reselling the items or for reentering the items into commerce. The task force shall investigate only those offenses or violations that are under the attorney general's jurisdiction as prescribed by section 21-422, Arizona Revised Statutes. The attorney general shall invite federal, state and local law enforcement personnel to participate in the task force in order to more effectively use the combined skills, expertise and resources of law enforcement personnel. The task force shall review, investigate and prosecute appropriate cases brought before the task force by law enforcement agencies or authorized loss prevention personnel. A member of the legislature may submit the name of a certified peace officer to the attorney general and recommend the officer's placement on the task force. Members of the task force shall investigate, apprehend and prosecute, as appropriate, individuals or entities that participate in the purchase, sale or distribution of stolen property from a retail establishment or through the use of an internet or network site and shall target individuals or entities that commit theft and other property crimes for financial gain. The attorney general may enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements with other state and local law enforcement agencies and with any similar organized retail theft task force program that coordinates a national network of coordinated task forces that assist federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in conducting investigations, forensic examinations and prosecutions related to organized retail theft. The task force shall consist of at least one full-time prosecutor, paralegal and support staff person, at least two investigators and four peace officers. The task force shall have regularly scheduled meetings to review cases and provide updates on ongoing cases to all members of the task force. On or before July 1 of each year the task force is in existence, the task force shall submit a report to the legislature on the task force's activities and any recommendations for legislative action relating to criminal penalties for crimes that have a negative impact on this state's economy. The task force ends on July 1, 2029. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 9/ The \$1,500,000 appropriation for the organized retail theft task force line item shall be used for operational expenses of the organized retail task force and for hiring one attorney, one paralegal, two investigators and one support staff person within the office of the attorney general and four peace officers who are assigned to the task force to focus specifically on investigating and prosecuting organized retail crime. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

- 10/ The \$1,000,000 appropriation for the technology company antitrust line item shall be used to employ or retain attorneys to investigate and pursue enforcement actions against technology companies that engage in anticompetitive, anticonsumer or monopolistic behavior and is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to the lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 11/ Laws 2021, Chapter 405, Sections 49 appropriated \$500,000 to the Attorney General from the General Fund for the Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force Fund.
- 12/ General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- 13/ All monies appropriated to the attorney general legal services line item in the department of child safety budget do not count toward the attorney general's interagency service agreements fund appropriation in fiscal year 2021-2022. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$56,592,200 and 456.5 FTE Positions in FY 2022 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2022
General Fund	\$21,923,600
Antitrust Enforcement Revolving Fund	148,700
Attorney General Legal Services Cost Allocation Fund (LSCAF)	2,110,300
Collection Enforcement Revolving Fund (CERF)	6,925,700
Consumer Protection - Consumer Fraud (CPCF) Revolving Fund	8,509,000
Interagency Service Agreements (ISA) Fund	16,474,900
Risk Management Revolving Fund	500,000

FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Additional Criminal Division Resources

The budget includes an increase of \$1,400,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for additional Criminal Division resources.

An FY 2020 General Appropriation Act footnote appropriates \$950,000 in FY 2021, \$2,350,000 in FY 2022, and \$2,350,000 in FY 2023 from the CPCF Revolving Fund for Criminal Division resources. This funding does not appear in the FY 2022 General Appropriation Act.

Currently, a portion of the Criminal Division within the AG's Office is funded through the Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund (ARRF), which receives revenues from civil asset forfeiture and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act monies. These monies are derived from cash and assets that are seized from individuals that are believed to have engaged in a wide array of illicit activities. Due to declining and uncertain revenues from these sources, the additional funds are to support agency efforts to move FTE Positions within the Criminal Division to more stable funding.

Table 1

Additional Criminal Division Resources

	19 CJ BRB Consumer Remediation	20 GAA CPCF ^{1/}	Total
FY 2018	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000
FY 2019	1,500,000		1,500,000
FY 2020	1,500,000	\$850,000	2,350,000
FY 2021	\$1,400,000	950,000	2,350,000
FY 2022		2,350,000	2,350,000
FY 2023		2,350,000	2,350,000

^{1/} FY 2020 includes an additional \$476,000 to shift SAWCCE FTE Positions from ARRF.

Additionally, the FY 2019 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) authorized the AG to use \$1,400,000 from the Consumer Remediation Subaccount of the Consumer Restitution and Remediation Revolving Fund in FY 2021 to offset operating expenses that would otherwise be paid from RICO funds. The Consumer Remediation Subaccount is a statutorily non-appropriated fund which receives monies from legal settlements. The FY 2022 CPCF increase will replace the one-time use of Consumer Remediation Subaccount monies for these purposes.

In total, the Attorney General will have received \$1,500,000 in each of FY 2018 and FY 2019 for its Criminal Division. The agency will also receive a total of \$2,350,000 in each of FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023 for these purposes. *(Please see Table 1 for more details.)*

State Fleet Initiative Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$206,100 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for newly-purchased State Fleet vehicles, of which \$156,300 is one-time and \$49,800 is ongoing for operating expenses. *(Please see the Arizona Department of Transportation narrative for more details on the State Fleet Initiative.)*

One-Time Election Litigation Expenses Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$500,000 from the Risk Management Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for election litigation expenses.

This funding will be used to support legal costs associated with the pursuit of criminal prosecutions and defense in civil cases regarding the most recent election.

The Budget Procedures BRB states the legislative intent that the Attorney General has the authority in all election-related litigation through June 30, 2023. A General Appropriation Act footnote prohibits the Attorney General from providing legal advice to the Secretary of State through June 30, 2023.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(1,462,000) in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	(598,700)
Antitrust Enforcement Revolving Fund	(3,800)
Attorney General Legal Services Cost Allocation Fund (LSCAF)	(56,300)
Collection Enforcement Revolving Fund (CERF)	(207,000)
Consumer Protection - Consumer Fraud (CPCF) Revolving Fund	(90,600)
Interagency Service Agreements (ISA) Fund	(505,600)

(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

Attorney Stipend/Retention Bonus

The budget includes \$2,000,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Attorney Stipend/Retention Bonus line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Funding Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$2,000,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for attorney stipends and retention bonuses.

This line item provides funding for stipend and retention bonuses to reduce attorney turnover.

Capital Postconviction Prosecution

The budget includes \$802,300 and 6 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2022 for Capital Postconviction Prosecution. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(22,500) from the General Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item funds costs associated with prosecuting capital cases after the initial conviction.

Child and Family Advocacy Centers

The budget includes \$600,000 in FY 2022 for the Child and Family Advocacy Centers line item. This amount consists of:

General Fund	100,000
CPCF Revolving Fund	500,000

FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Funding Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$500,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for distribution to child and family advocacy centers.

These monies are deposited into the Child and Family Advocacy Centers Fund. Monies in the fund are for distribution to child and family advocacy centers. Child and family advocacy centers provide victim advocacy, case management, and counseling services to primary and secondary victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and homicide.

Pursuant to statute, at least 90.25% of fund monies are allocated to grants to child and family advocacy centers and 4.75% to statewide child and family advocacy center organizations; no more than 5% of the fund may be retained by the AG for administrative costs. To be eligible for funds, a child and family advocacy center must certify to the AG's Office that it meets certain statutory criteria relating to its ability to provide victim services.

Criminal Division Major Fraud Unit

The budget includes \$1,139,000 and 7 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Criminal Division Major Fraud Unit. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Additional Major Fraud Unit Resources

The budget includes an increase of \$1,139,000 and 7 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Criminal Division Major Fraud Unit line item.

This line item provides funding for increased caseload demand for the Major Fraud Unit.

The Criminal Division Major Fraud Unit investigates complaints submitted by Arizona citizens and referred by other law enforcement agencies.

Internet Crimes Against Children Enforcement

The budget includes \$1,250,000 in FY 2022 for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Enforcement line item. This amount consists of:

General Fund	350,000
ICAC Enforcement Fund	900,000

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2021.

A.R.S. § 41-199 requires the Attorney General to enter into 1 or more intergovernmental agreements to operate the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (AZICAC), led by the Phoenix Police Department. AZICAC is a joint federal/local law enforcement task force that investigates child pornography.

A General Appropriation Act footnote makes the FY 2022 amount non-lapsing until the end of FY 2023.

Expert Witness and Outside Counsel

The budget includes \$1,200,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Expert Witness and Outside Counsel line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Funding Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$1,200,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for expert witnesses and outside counsel.

This funding will be used for expert witness and litigation expenses.

Federalism Unit

The budget includes \$1,236,000 and 8 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Federalism Unit. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Additional Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$200,000 and 1 FTE Position from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for additional support of the Federalism Unit.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(12,900) from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item provides funding for the Attorney General to defend the state in cases related to federal issues.

Some of these legal expenses had previously been borne by the Governor's Office.

Government Accountability and Special Litigation

The budget includes \$1,235,200 and 10 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Government Accountability and Special Litigation (GASL) line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(16,800) from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

A.R.S. § 41-194.01 requires that, at the request of a member of the Legislature, the AG investigate local government ordinances that potentially violate state law. The statute also requires the AG to make a written report of its findings within 30 days of receiving the request. If the local ordinance is found to violate state law, the local governing body has 30 days to resolve the violation. After 30 days, the State Treasurer is instructed to withhold state shared monies from the locality.

Military Airport Planning

The budget includes \$85,200 and 1 FTE Position from the General Fund in FY 2022 for Military Airport Planning. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(2,900) from the General Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

A.R.S. § 26-263 appropriates \$85,000 annually from the General Fund to the Attorney General's Office. Therefore, funding for this line item does not appear in the General Appropriation Act. The legislation sought to preserve the state's military bases by appropriating monies to several state agencies and charging them with certain responsibilities. Monies in this line item pay for the department's duties under the original 2004 legislation, including review and determination of compliance with land use plans.

Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples

The budget includes \$40,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Funding Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$40,000 from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Study Committee.

Laws 2019, Chapter 232 established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Study Committee. At the December 2019 and April 2020 JLBC meetings, the Committee favorably reviewed plans to spend a total of \$125,000 from the Target Corporation Settlement negotiated by the Attorney General and deposited into the Consumer Restitution Subaccount to assist the MMIWG Study Committee.

A Budget Procedures BRB provision modifies the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee and extends the committee through September 30, 2025.

Organized Retail Theft Task Force

The budget includes \$1,500,000 and 9 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Organized Retail Theft Task Force line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Organized Retail Theft Task Force Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$1,500,000 and 9 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund for the Organized Retail Theft Task Force.

A General Appropriation Act footnote requires this funding be used to establish and fund the operational expenses of an Organized Retail Theft Task Force to combat crimes that relate to the stealing, embezzling, or obtaining of retail merchandise by illegal means for the purpose of reselling the items. The appropriation will also be used for 9 FTE positions, including 1 attorney, 1 paralegal, 2 investigators, 1 support person, and 4 peace officers assigned to the task force.

Risk Management Interagency Service Agreement

The budget includes \$9,617,300 and 93 FTE Positions from the Risk Management Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Risk Management Interagency Service Agreement. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(310,000) from the Risk Management Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item provides funding for the Attorney General's contract with the Risk Management Division of the Arizona Department of Administration. Attorneys from

the Attorney General's Office defend the state in most risk management cases regarding agency liability.

State Grand Jury

The budget includes \$180,500 and 1.6 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2022 for the State Grand Jury. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of (4,700) from the General Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item funds expenses incurred by the Attorney General to investigate and try matters that are under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Jury.

Southern Arizona Law Enforcement

The budget includes \$1,527,400 and 16 FTE Positions in FY 2022 for Southern Arizona Law Enforcement. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	1,212,400
CPCF Revolving Fund	315,000

FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(43,900) in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	(39,900)
CPCF Revolving Fund	(4,000)

This line item provides funding for the Criminal Division's investigations and prosecutions of fraud, corruption, criminal enterprise, drug trafficking, and money laundering cases in Southern Arizona.

Technology Company Antitrust

The budget includes \$1,000,000 from the Antitrust Enforcement Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the new Technology Company Antitrust line item. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Increase

The budget includes a one-time increase of \$1,000,000 from the Antitrust Enforcement Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for technology company antitrust enforcement. A General Appropriation Act footnote requires this funding be used to employ or retain attorneys to investigate and pursue enforcement actions against

technology companies that engage in anticompetitive, anticonsumer, or monopolistic behavior. This appropriation is non-lapsing.

Tobacco Enforcement

The budget includes \$829,800 and 6.6 FTE Positions in FY 2022 for Tobacco Enforcement. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	85,800
CPCF Revolving Fund	744,000

FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(4,400) in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	(2,500)
CPCF Revolving Fund	(1,900)

This line item funds the Attorney General's enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). The MSA is a settlement reached by major tobacco companies and 46 states in 1998 that requires these companies to compensate states annually for Medicaid costs associated with tobacco use. In exchange for annual payments from the tobacco companies, states agree to diligently enforce tobacco tax laws. The AG has stated that it also plans to spend these monies on consumer fraud investigations into tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and alternative nicotine products.

In addition to the monies provided in this line item, the budget continues to require AHCCCS to transfer up to \$1,200,000 to the Attorney General for MSA and e-cigarette enforcement. As a result, the budget includes a total of up to \$2,029,800 for the Attorney General to enforce the MSA in FY 2022.

Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force

The Budget Procedures BRB appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund in FY 2022 for the Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Political Contributions Task Force Funding

The budget includes an increase of \$500,000 from the General Fund in FY 2022 for the Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force.

A Budget Procedures BRB provision appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Attorney

General's Office for deposit into the non-appropriated Unreported In-Kind Political Contributions Task Force Fund. The Task Force consists of designees of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. The Task Force is to investigate whether the practices of social media platforms and internet search engines result in unreported in-kind political contributions.

Victims' Rights

The budget includes \$3,768,800 and 6 FTE Positions from the Victims' Rights Fund in FY 2022 for Victims' Rights. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(14,500) from the Victims' Rights Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item provides monies to state and local agencies that are required to notify victims during various steps in the criminal justice process. The program is funded by a \$9 penalty on civil and criminal violations.

Voter Fraud Unit

The budget includes \$525,400 and 4 FTE Positions from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for the Voter Fraud Unit. FY 2022 adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(4,600) from the CPCF Revolving Fund in FY 2022 for statewide adjustments.

This line item provides funding for the development of a public complaint process for allegations of voter fraud and for the investigation of those allegations by the Attorney General's office.

Other Issues

This section includes information on the following topics:

- Statutory Changes
- COVID-Related Spending
- Proposition 207 – Recreational Marijuana
- Attorney General Legal Cost Allocation Fund

Statutory Changes

The Budget Procedures BRB makes the following statutory changes:

- As session law, modify the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee and extend the committee through September 30, 2025.
- As permanent law, establish the Unreported In-kind Political Contributions Task Force Fund consisting of legislative appropriations. The Fund is continuously appropriated and is administered by the Attorney General. Appropriates \$500,000 annually from the General Fund to the Task Force Fund.

The Criminal Justice BRB makes the following statutory change:

- As permanent law, expand A.R.S. 41-194.01 to require the Attorney General to investigate any written policy, rule, or regulation adopted by any county, city, or town agency, department, or other entity at the request of a legislative member. Requires that the member notify the local government in writing of the alleged violation, and allows the body 60 days to resolve the issue before the legislator can request that the AG investigate.

COVID-Related Spending

In addition to COVID-related spending, the Executive has allocated monies from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to reimburse state agencies for public health and public safety expenditures. In FY 2020, the Attorney General was reimbursed for \$390,396 in General Fund spending. This reduced spending increased the agency's General Fund reversion beyond what it would have otherwise been.

Proposition 207 – Recreational Marijuana

Proposition 207, approved by voters in the November 2020 general election, legalizes the sale and consumption of marijuana and marijuana products for adults 21 years of age and older. The initiative established the Smart and Safe Arizona Fund, which is used by state agencies to carry out certain requirements of the initiative. Before any distributions are made from the fund, the Attorney General receives a self-determined amount from the fund for enforcement. The Attorney General has estimated annual spending of \$322,700 to fulfill the initiative's requirements.

(Please see the Department of Health Services - Other Issues Section for more information.)

Attorney General Legal Services Cost Allocation Fund

A.R.S. § 41-191.09 requires agencies to pay annually a flat fee to the Attorney General for general legal counsel as specified by the General Appropriation Act each year. See *Table 2* for a list of agencies and their corresponding FY 2022 Attorney General Legal Services charge. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2021.

(Please see the FY 2015 Appropriations Report for a more detailed history on legal services charges, and the FY 2018 Appropriations Report for changes that occurred after FY 2015.)

Table 2

FY 2022 Attorney General Legal Services Charges

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Arizona Department of Administration	\$ 127,700
Office of Administrative Hearings	3,000
Commission on the Arts	3,100
Citizens Clean Elections Commission	2,700
State Department of Corrections	2,000
Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	8,700
Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	100,200
Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing	4,100
Early Childhood Development and Health Board	47,100
Department of Education	132,000
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs	30,000
Department of Environmental Quality	135,600
Exposition and State Fair Board	20,900
Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management	13,400
Department of Gaming	37,300
Department of Health Services	173,800
Arizona Historical Society	700
Department of Housing	19,300
Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions	13,800
Department of Juvenile Corrections	9,400
State Land Department	2,100
Department of Liquor, Licenses and Control	11,400
Arizona State Lottery Commission	24,800
Arizona State Parks Board	45,800
State Personnel Board	600
Arizona Pioneers' Home	12,100
Commission on Postsecondary Education	1,800
Department of Public Safety	677,400
Arizona State Retirement System	69,100
Department of Revenue	4,900
Secretary of State	1,800
State Treasurer	9,200
Department of Veterans' Services	52,700

Total Legal Services Charges

\$ 1,798,500